

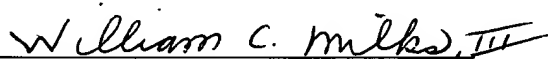
REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 18-20, 23, 25-37, 42-44, 47, and 49-55 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Pending claims 1-11, 13, 18-20, 25-37, 42-44, 47, and 49-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and/or 102(e) and are canceled by the foregoing amendment.

Pending claims 12, 23, and 47 stand objected to but are indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter. In accordance with the foregoing Amendment, claims 12, 23, and 47 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

In view of the foregoing Amendment, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early action and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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